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Dear John:

Since leaving NIESO some time ago, I have been working [redacted] in the overall area of crisis management and emergency planning. In thinking about the problems each agency and department faces in trying to deal with continuity of government or continuity of operations planning, it occurs to me that few old "intelligence problems" ever seem to go away.

You may recall that, when we were at the Intelligence Community Staff, the subject of the wartime role of the DCI kept recurring -- seemingly without resolution. Since those days, a number of interesting government initiatives have, of course, added a new dimension to this old problem.

The programs that [redacted] et al, are involved with all impact, or are impact by, the crisis role of the DCI. Defense, of course, hardly ever takes a back seat and it, too, now seems to be developing a more central role. This is particularly true in light of various system tasking agreements made in furtherance of applicable sections of Executive Order 12333.

This subject is of great interest to me as it carries with it numerous associated program planning issues. These issues affect not only the CIA and the entire Intelligence Community, but all users and consumers of intelligence products and services, as well. If you agree, I would appreciate your comments or suggestions concerning how research leading toward clarifying (and perhaps resolving) associated issues may be undertaken.

Warm regards,

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